

House File 345 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 192)

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 87)

(COMPANION TO SF 151 BY

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act establishing a scenic byways enhancement fund, including
- 2 by providing for voluntary contributions to the fund, and
- 3 including effective date provisions.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **307.50 Scenic byways enhancement**
2 **fund.**

3 1. A scenic byways enhancement fund is created in the
4 state treasury under the control of the department. The fund
5 shall consist of moneys transferred to the fund pursuant
6 to section 321.44B and any other moneys appropriated to or
7 deposited in the fund. Moneys in the fund are appropriated to
8 the department for the support, development, maintenance, and
9 enhancement, including but not limited to litter prevention, of
10 the scenic byways of this state.

11 2. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the fund
12 that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of a
13 fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for
14 expenditure for the purposes designated. Notwithstanding
15 section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in
16 the fund shall be credited to the fund.

17 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **321.44B Voluntary contribution —**
18 **scenic byways enhancement fund — amount retained by county**
19 **treasurer.**

20 For each application for vehicle registration renewal,
21 the county treasurer or the department shall request through
22 use of a written form, and, if the application is made in
23 person, through verbal communication, that an applicant make a
24 voluntary contribution of one dollar or more, computed to the
25 nearest whole dollar, to the scenic byways enhancement fund
26 established in section 307.50. One hundred percent of the
27 moneys collected by the county and one hundred percent of the
28 moneys collected by the department in the form of contributions
29 shall be remitted to the treasurer of state for deposit in the
30 scenic byways enhancement fund to be used for the purposes
31 specified for the fund. However, up to five percent of the
32 moneys collected by the county may be retained by the county
33 treasurer for deposit in the general fund of the county.
34 The director shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to
35 administer this section.

1 Sec. 3. Section 331.557, subsection 1, Code 2023, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 1. Issue, renew, and replace lost or damaged vehicle
4 registration cards or plates and issue and transfer
5 certificates of title for vehicles, and collect voluntary
6 contributions, as provided in [sections 321.17 through 321.20B](#),
7 [321.22 through 321.26](#), [321.28 through 321.32](#), [321.34](#), [321.35](#),
8 and [321.37 through 321.52](#).

9 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect January 1,
10 2024.

11	EXPLANATION
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12 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
13 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

14 This bill creates a scenic byways enhancement fund
15 and appropriates moneys in the fund to the department of
16 transportation (DOT) for the support, development, maintenance,
17 and enhancement, including litter prevention, of scenic byways.
18 For each application to renew the registration of a vehicle,
19 the county treasurer or the DOT is required to request that an
20 applicant make a voluntary contribution of \$1 or more, computed
21 to the nearest whole dollar, to the scenic byways enhancement
22 fund. Up to 5 percent of the moneys collected by the county may
23 be retained by the county treasurer for deposit in the general
24 fund of the county.

25 The bill takes effect January 1, 2024.